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1454.1101**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371****09/937771**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/DE00/00955INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
March 29, 2000PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
March 30, 1999**TITLE OF INVENTION**

MECHANICAL LINK BETWEEN SIDE WALLS AND THE REAR WALL OF A SHEET CASING (As Amended)

**APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US**

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
3. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
4. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
5. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
6. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
7. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
8. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
9. ☐ A translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 10-15 below concern document(s) or information included:

10. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
11. ☐ An assignment document for recording.  
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  - a. ☐ the person whose signature, name & address appears at the bottom of this document.
  - b. ☐ the following:
12. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
13. ☒ A substitute specification
14. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
15. ☒ Other items or information: International Search Report, International Preliminary Examination Report, and the first page of the published International Application. An Information Disclosure Statement will be filed later.

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